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Sitting Bull's skull with bow and arrow.

By One Bull. 1840

When Hunkkini - Slow, (per name of Sitting Bull) was a boy about ten years old, his parents were living on the banks of Grand River, which was thickly wooded with tall cotton, elm and oak trees. Birds were numerous in the woods. It was spring and the boys would take their bows and arrows, going to the woods, shooting birds, squirrels and rabbits.

An arrow maker offered to give a bow and some arrows to the boy who kills the bird with the prettiest plumage. Every body knew this arrow maker - Village Center, and admire his work. So the next day was set for the contest. All the contestants reported in person to the Arrow-maker, who instructed them that when they got their bird to produce them so that he would pass upon them. It was a gala spring day. The songs of birds seemed to sound better than ever before. Boys were seen going into the forests near the camp.

Hunkkini with several playmates, likewise registered by appearing in person to the arrow maker and soon disappeared in the woods. His ambition was to kill an oriole that looks like a ball of fire when flying <sup>from</sup> one tree top to another for this bird usually stays up the topmost part of the tallest trees and one of hardest birds to kill, with bow and arrow.